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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955.

Boston, December 31, 1955.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Kelley,
Chairman, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Thomas J. Carty,
Daniel G. O'Connor,
O. Philip Snowden,
Theodore C. Haffenreffer,
Associate Commissioners.

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Jan. 28 1957

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1955.

PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES.

Algonquin Square	$127 33
Aquarium	917 21
Aquarium, grounds	7,200 64
Arborway	2,822 50
Arnold Arboretum	5,232 25
Back Bay District	25,642 27
Back Bay, yard	45,958 44
Belmont Square	23 20
Blackstone Square	2,487 72
Boston Common, Bandstand	1,787 51
Boston Common, Convenience Stations	19,925 32
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House	2,649 62
Boston Common, Festival	35 00
Boston Common, Frog Pond	3,274 05
Boston Common, grounds	35,539 02
Boston Common, Information Booth	3,753 80
Boston Common, Log Cabin	527 34
Boston Common, Playland	1,095 69
Boston Common, Telephone Booth	69 93
Brighton District	23,624 07
Carleton & Holyoke Streets	109 25
Castle Island	6,442 08
Centervale Park	20 17
Central Square	3,204 31
Charlestown District	9,273 45
Christmas Festival	2,095 77
Christmas trees and decorations	1,967 84
City Square	404 76
Cleveland Place	494 72
Columbus Park	30,102 88
Columbus Park Stadium	5,697 59
Commonwealth Avenue, main	14,149 44
Concord Square	295 78
Corbett Park	293 44
Dorchester Heights	3,259 85
Dorchester Park	9,110 43
East Boston District	10,327 74
East Boston Stadium	22,951 32
Eaton Square	1,149 50
Edison Green	34 54
Edward Everett Square	123 00
Eliot Square	150 76
Fens	23,334 59
Fens Rose Garden	11,111 90
Fens Stadium	15,158 14

Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, etc.	$2,918 20
Franklin Park, Bandstand	50 92
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	4,339 75
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	24,439 57
Franklin Park, garage	53,197 54
Franklin Park, golf course	26,731 54
Franklin Park, greenhouse	88,241 32
Franklin Park, grounds	27,726 30
Franklin Park, harness shop	218 30
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	26,542 50
Franklin Park, paint shop	20,266 40
Franklin Park, plumber shop	3,845 68
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	6,463 32
Franklin Park, repair shops	66,364 93
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	10,099 28
Franklin Park, storehouse	33,278 53
Franklin Park, yard	43,275 35
Franklin Square	1,861 35
Gallagher Park	55 00
George Wright Golf Course	73,275 57
Hanson Street Play Area	278 50
Hayes Square	806 99
Heath Square	958 69
Herbert J. Wolf Square	914 94
Horatio Harris Park	1,596 80
Independence Park	58 00
Irving W. Adams Park	2,423 20
Jamaica Pond	489 90
Jamaica Pond, Boat Landing	500 78
Jamaicaway	14,727 60
John Harvard Mall	523 42
John F. Donovan Park	1,694 13
Linwood Park	288 00
Madison Park	2,910 70
Mary Cummings Estate	449 41
Massachusetts Avenue	277 54
Maverick Square	332 65
McLean Park	1,320 00
Michael J. Brophy Park	2,278 00
Murray Park	265 00
Myrtle Street Boat Landing	1,098 18
North End District	2,334 42
North End Prado	5,929 20
Olmstead Park	591 69
Orchard Park	1,426 77
Park Drive, Administration Building	2,561 47
Parks, General	41,014 46
Paul Revere Mall	329 32
Plympton Street Pool	505 00

Preble Street Traffic Circle	$406 28
Prescott Square	581 25
Public Garden	45,963 61
Putnam Square	59 25
Recreation Division	307,933 90
Riverway	2,878 30
Ross Estate	2,564 58
South Boston District	13,690 92
Thomas Park	344 00
Veterans' Monument Lot	182 82
Walnut Park	793 84
War Memorial	150 77
Washington Park	626 66
Webster Square	7 86
West End District	2,975 17
Winthrop Square	595 80
Zoological Garden, animal range	8,993 95
Zoological Garden, antelope house	10,688 31
Zoological Garden, bear dens	8,172 99
Zoological Garden, bird house	45,335 24
Zoological Garden, buffalo house	291 36
Zoological Garden, camel house	10 53
Zoological Garden, elephant house	17,694 46
Zoological Garden, elk range	9,037 38
Zoological Garden, general	75,299 06
Zoological Garden, lion house	8,737 44
Zoological Garden, monkey house	235 51
Total	$1,520,283 51

PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground	$10,711 26
American Legion Playground	7,031 51
Billings Field Playground	10,829 60
Brookside Avenue Playground	2,540 95
Cassidy Playground	6,460 41
Ceylon Street Playground	4,008 74
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	10,490 15
Christopher J. Lee Playground	7,242 79
Fallon Field Playground	11,783 20
Francis Parkman Playground	5,751 08
Franklin Field Playground	31,977 05
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	3,804 53
General Playground	45,861 28
George H. Walker Playground	7,125 41
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground	145 00
James L. Cronin Playground	7,625 04
James F. Healy Playground	8,105 37
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	547 52

Jefferson Playground	$6,604 44
John J. Connolly Playground	9,375 00
John DeFilippo Playground	160 00
John A. Doherty Playground	175 32
John J. Doherty Playground	7,305 64
John F. Holland Playground	3,246 53
John W. Murphy Playground	9,437 54
John H. L. Noyes Playground	6,488 34
John J. Ryan Playground	995 38
John Winthrop Playground	1,733 75
Kiley Street Playground	426 28
King Street Playground	86 50
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	4,427 53
Leo F. McCarthy Playground	88 96
Lester J. Rotch Playground	10,135 46
London Street Playground	1,816 70
Mary Draper Playground	8,834 09
Mary Hannon Playground	1,918 74
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	9,032 00
McConnell Park Playground	8,044 36
McKinney Playground	8,252 12
McLaughlin Playground	8 80
Mission Hill Playground	12,630 34
Paris Street Playground	3,231 64
Parker Hill Playground	5,663 29
Portsmouth Street Playground	7,568 26
Readville Playground	2,766 99
Rev. Father Buckley Playground	447 71
Rogers Park Playground	9,027 29
Ronan Park Playground	8,926 81
Smith's Pond Playground	10,233 91
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	6,387 71
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	8,043 71
Wallingford Road Playground	297 00
Wesley G. Ross Playground	7,170 76
William J. Barry Playground	8,824 00
William E. Carter Playground	7,289 98
William Eustis Playground	10,807 95
William E. Garvey Playground	8,196 10
William F. Smith Playground	8,697 71
William Gary Walsh Playground	8,266 93
Total	$415,112 46

GYMNASIA.

Brighton Gymnasium	$10,039 90
Cabot Street Gymnasium	50,173 71
Charlestown Building Gymnasium	1,866 40
Columbia Road Gymnasium	14,989 78

Curtis Hall Gymnasium	$26,365 24
Hyde Park Gymnasium	15,148 35
John J. Doherty Pool	722 50
John J. Williams Gymnasium	24,299 94
Lexington Street Gymnasium	9,482 80
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building	23,046 46
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	45,029 53
Paris Street Gymnasium	58,016 70
Roslindale Gymnasium	8,810 40
Troy Street Pool	382 28
Tyler Street Gymnasium	10,066 15
Vine Street Gymnasium	25,463 89
Total	$323,904 03

BATHS AND BEACHES.

Baths, General	$8,104 82
Broadway Municipal Building	32,046 67
Charlestown Pool	45,049 44
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	174,379 82
L Street Bath House and Beach	129,906 17
North End Park Beach, Bath and Pool	49,753 22
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	36,446 08
Total	$475,686 22

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Central Office — Administration	$155,525 71
Street Trees	90,402 86
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc.	70,858 51
Miscellaneous	7,665 26
Total	$324,452 34

RECAPITULATION.

Parks and Gardens	$1,520,283 51
Playgrounds	415,112 46
Gymnasia	323,904 03
Baths and Beaches	475,686 22
General Expenses	324,452 34
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo	4,950 42
Construction of Dover Street Laundry and Utility Building	32,366 00
Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways	23,588 17
Playground, Fairmount Section, Hyde Park	40 00
Park and Playground Improvements, etc.	119,845 65

Playground, Gardner and Baker Streets, West Roxbury	$45 00
Removal of Trees, afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease	18,021 60
Total	$3,258,295 40

CASH RECEIPTS.

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1955.

PARK DIVISION.

Franklin Park Golf Course	$18,565 00	
George Wright Golf Course	32,019 00	
Permits for signs, openings, etc.	65 20	
Fees for services and equipment	420 00	
Refunds	85 92	
Commission on public telephones in Park Department	423 12	
Settlement of claims for damages	774 13	
Miscellaneous	33 00	
Towels, soap in playground houses	1,730 56	
Rentals from property and concessions	11,078 50	
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 88	
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	5,643 00	
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,776 72	
Babcock Music Fund, income	89 42	
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00	
Foss 17th of June Fund, income	85 00	
Suspense Account	350 00	
Sale of park land	152,500 00	
		$225,849 45

BATH DIVISION.

Towels, soap, etc., in bath houses	$25,601 39	
		25,601 39
		$251,450 84

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General Revenue	$90,795 82	
Trust Funds, income	7,805 02	
Suspense Account	350 00	
Sales of City Land	152,500 00	
		$251,450 84

Expenditures of Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

RECREATION.

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvements of	$176,441 72
Eradication of Dutch Elm Disease	15,525 60
Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds	38,930 47
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	26,549 18

Park and Playground Improvements, etc., revenue	—
Randidge Trust Fund, income	$1,987 70
Hurricane Emergency	330,557 92
Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and Furnishings Thereof	8,769 80
Michael Francis Cahill Fund	5,984 30
Flood Emergency	45,580 51
Department Equipment Loan	68,521 82
Total	$808,849 02

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE

1955.

Opening Date, April 2. Closing Date, December 18.

Registered Attendance, 30,664	
Annual Permits, 3 at $30	$90 00
Annual Permits, 569 at $15	8,535 00
Daily Permits, 196 at $1.50	294 00
Daily Permits, 8883 at $1.00	8,883 00
Twilight Permits, 1526 at $.50	763 00
Total	$18,565 00

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE

1955.

Opening Date, April 9. Closing Date, December 19.

Registered Attendance, 44,504	
Annual Permits, 44 at $40	$1,760 00
Annual Permits, 454 at $30	13,620 00
Daily Permits, 3982 at $2.00	7,964 00
Daily Permits, 7394 at $1.00	7,394 00
Lockers, 427 at $3.00	1,281 00
Total	$32,019 00

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1955.

Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and Swimming Pools, Gymnasiums.

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	6,800,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating)	350,000
Shower Baths	2,000,000
Beaches and Swimming Pools	1,100,000
Gymnasium, Class and Individual Attendance	240,500
Total	10,490,500

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
STATISTICS TO DECEMBER 31, 1955.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Main Park System:									
[24]Commonwealth avenue	1894–1905		$772,793 08	$772,793 08	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens	1877–1879	$736,854 49	3,276,621 13	4,013,475 62	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
[1]Avenue Louis Pasteur	1922				3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
†Riverway	1883–1890	457,457 53	951,667 87	1,409,125 40	40.00 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
‡Olmsted Park	1890–1892	1,081,947 60	832,228 19	1,914,175 79	180.00 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arborway-Jamaicaway	1892	245,584 25	543,537 14	789,121 39	36.00 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum	1882–1895	79,354 15	462,916 30	542,270 45	223.00 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway	1894	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park					9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden	1883–1884, 1906–1912	1,551,896 63	4,352,797 36	5,904,693 99	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
Marine Park System:									
[17]Columbia Road	1899	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Dorchester Way	1892–1895	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88					
[18]Strandway and Columbus Park	1890–1892, 1897–1901	772,515 12	2,841,613 37	3,614,128 49	254.30 "				
[19]Marine Park and Aquarium	1883	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67	52.71 " land 4.90 " flats	0.6 mile	1.39 "		3.4 "
§Castle Island	1890		172,651 79	172,651 79	25.70 " land 78.30 " flats	0.16 "	1.15 "		
•McConnell Park	1899–1914	50,759 33	256,586 41	307,345 74	9.78 " land 50.55 " flats	0.20 "	0.29 mile		

SAVIN HILL PARK	1909	31,925 55	18,712 21	50,637 76	8.26 "		
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK	1919	50,000 00	21,411 93	71,411 93	0.78 acre		
[19]WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK	1882–1891	132,800 00	462,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles
CHARLESBANK	1883	373,916 99	379,645 74	753,562 73	25.41 "		1.5 "
TRINITY TRIANGLE	1885	30,000 00		30,000 00	0.18 acre		
ENS. JOHN J. DOHERTY, JR., PLAYGROUND	1891	50,538 02	186,373 19	236,911 21	10.35 acres		0.4 mile
JOHN J. RYAN, JR., PLAYGROUND	1891	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	13.66 " land 3.70 " flats		0.6 "
DORCHESTER PARK	1891–1903	64,165 37	34,526 30	98,691 67	31.47 "		
FRANKLIN FIELD	1892–1910	157,341 22	295,822 56	453,163 78	77.00 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles
NORTH END BEACH PARK	1893	328,364 44	472,861 68	801,226 12	3.70 " land 3.00 " flats		
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END	1917	160,350 00	46,720 62	207,070 62	0.48 acre		
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTER	1917	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "		
COPP'S HILL TERRACE	1893	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "		0.11 mile
[CHESTNUT HILL PARK OR CASSIDY PLAYGROUND	1898–1899 and 1902	210,239 06	44,899 46	255,138 52	54.19 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "
CHERRY STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END	1922	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre		
ALMONT STREET PLAYGROUND, MATTAPAN	1924	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres		0.04 "
[20]PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL	1913–1915	291,138 24	73,277 02	364,415 26	4.24 "		0.21 "
* JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1917	13,700 00	29,669 36	43,369 36	1.07 "		
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1912–1916	101,957 78	125,703 98	227,661 76	11.65 "		0.83 "

See footnotes on page 20.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Frederick D. Emmons Playground, Charlestown	1912	$80,946 47	$8,746 53	$89,693 00	1.07 acres				
Prince Street Playground,	1897–1899, 1901–1902	180,474 70	9,241 01	189,715 71	0.4 acre				
Tenean Beach, Dorchester, M.D.C.	1914–1915, 1928–1933	102,140 00	85,313 76	187,453 76	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 mile		
* William F. Smith Playground, North Brighton,	1894	22,107 12	34,664 23	56,771 35	14.00 "				
* William H. Garvey Playground, Neponset,	1896	24,804 39	152,325 46	177,129 85	16.68 "		0.28 "		
Billings Field, West Roxbury	1896–1906	47,068 98	78,947 47	126,016 45	10.83 "		0.23 "		
*[3] Christopher J. Lee Playground, South Boston	1897		132,463 71	132,463 71	5.20 "		0.4 "		
Mary Hemenway Playground, Dorchester	1920	29,730 76	72,179 35	101,910 11	4.41 "				
* Mary P. C. Cummings Memorial Playground, Woburn	1930				234.00 "				
Paul Gore Street Playground	1913				0.74 acre				
* William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown	1897–1923	202,463 00	221,057 91	423,520 91	5.72 acres		0.09 "		
* J. M. & J. J. Sullivan Playground, Roxbury	1897	14,593 72	13,376 42	27,970 14	0.85 acre				
Christopher Gibson Playground, Dorchester	1897	37,709 58	60,042 75	97,752 33	4.34 acres		0.11 "		

* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1899–1900 1901–1902	327,503 84	79,506 28	407,010 12	5.02 "			
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1899	43,990 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "			
* FALLON FIELD PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE	1899–1913 1917–1931	91,325 11	85,455 31	176,780 42	7.57 "		0.36 "	
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE	1902	25,166 75	43,185 19	68,351 94	9.63 "		0.14 "	
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END	1903	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "			
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1903–1905		100,958 90	100,958 90	5.1 "			
ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON	1899–1931	45,998 30	78,920 12	124,918 42	8.20 "		0.44 "	
CARROLL POND, WEST ROXBURY	1921		8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre			
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON	1909	10,015 00	159,902 61	169,917 61	5.24 acres land 3.07 " flats			
WEST THIRD STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON	1909	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre			
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON	1909	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "			
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1909–1924	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres			
JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1911	20,994 26	39,153 50	60,147 76	1.57 "			
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1912–1914	22,011 33	47,496 72	69,508 05	6.21 "		0.10 "	
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON	1916–1931	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "		0.35 "	
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON	1917	20,754 17	18,688 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre			

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Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Paris Street Playground,	1912.....	$50,630 64	$13,083 38	$63,714 02	1.27 acres				
Tyler Street Playground,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre				
*John W. Murphy Playground, Jamaica Plain,	1912–1919..	26,861 80	68,854 68	95,716 48	4.17 acres				
Portsmouth Street Playground.....	1912.....	15,000 00	31,936 36	46,936 36	4.29 "				
Town Meeting Park, Dorchester.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre				
[15] Gymnasium Site, South Boston.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "				
[5] Factory Hill Playground.....	1912.....		8,837 89	8,837 89	5.20 acres				
[6] Ripley Playground.....	1913.....		13,465 75	13,465 75	0.86 acre				
[7] Smith's Pond Playground,	1914–1931..		74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres				
Ceylon Street Playground, Dorchester....	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "				
[8] Carl H. Ahlsen Playground, Dorchester....	1916–1943..				11.20 "		0.20 mile		
[9] John A. Doherty Playground, Dorchester....	1897.....		35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "				
American Legion Playground, Condor Street, East Boston.....	1924.....	63,300 00	35,672 88	98,972 88	3.38 "				
Playground, Readville, Bullard, Milton and Regent Streets, Hyde Park.....	1924.....	13,417 34	21,894 90	35,312 24	5.03 "				

JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRANFORD STREETS, ROXBURY,	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "			
FRANCIS PAREMAN PLAYGROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS...	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "			
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON,	1925.....	51,432 00	19,340 98	70,772 98	0.65 acre			
PAUL REVERE MALL, NORTH END.....	1925.....	107,600 00	23,372 38	130,972 38	0.76 "			
STATLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNYSON STREETS.....	1925.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "			
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1925.....	11,600 00	19,080 77	30,680 77	1.32 acres			
*[10] WILLIAM AMERENA PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON...	1925.....	37,949 50	40,006 17	77,955 67	4.06 "			
[10]AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON....	1928–1931 and 1932	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile	0.75 "	
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1930.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "			
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1930.....	59,950 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "			
*[11] THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1930–1931..	21,360 08	76,412 83	97,772 91	10.40 "		0.30 "	
[12] MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	1930.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "			
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre			
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	1930–1931..	146,818 08	357,040 99	503,859 07	158.48 acres			

See footnotes on page 20.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Mary Draper Playground, West Roxbury	1932	$23,853 80	$22,947 45	$46,801 25	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
[13] Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground, Roxbury	1931		24,158 72	24,158 72	11.54 "				
*Wesley Ross Playground, near Westminster Street, Hyde Park	1936	10,000 00	44,816 42	54,816 42	13.03 "				
Snow Hill Street Playground, North End	1937		4,189 71	4,189 71	1.13 "				
Alice E. Gallagher Memorial Park, Chandler's Pond, Brighton,	1937–1943		742 50	742 50	13.59 "				13 acres
Everett and Elm Streets, Dorchester	1939				1.16 "				
Leo F. McCarthy Playground, Mead and Ludlow Streets, Charlestown	1938		3,751 24	3,751 24	0.28 acre				
Washington and Stimson Streets, West Roxbury,	1938				0.30 "				
Charter Street and Greenough Lane, Children's Playground, North End	1940				0.23 "				
Tobin Playground, Albion Street, South End	1941				0.57 "				
Orchard Park	1912		73,367 49	73,367 49	2.4 acres				

MALDEN STREET, SOUTH END, BOSTON	1941				0.21 acre				
VERNON STREET, ROXBURY	1941				0.40 "				
THORNTON STREET, ROXBURY	1941				0.06 "				
PITTS AND HALE STREETS, WEST END	1942				0.11 "				
TROY AND ROCHESTER STREETS, SOUTH END	1941				0.17 "				
LONDON AND DECATUR STREETS, EAST BOSTON	1941				0.13 "				
HOWARD AVENUE, DORCHESTER, MARY A. HANNON PLAY AREA	1940–1945		8,890 45	8,890 45	1.69 acres				
HILL AND COOK STREETS, CHARLESTOWN	1942		3,117 78	3,117 78	0.10 acre				
PHILLIPS STREET PLAYGROUND, WEST END	1942		3,772 25	3,772 25	0.13 "				
BEECHER STREET PLAY AREA, WEST ROXBURY	1942				0.18 "				
MCKAY SCHOOL PLAY AREA, FRANKFORT, GOVE AND COTTAGE STREETS, EAST BOSTON	1942				0.50 "				
KING STREET, ROXBURY	1943		740 00	740 00	0.32 "				
JOHN HARVARD MALL, CHARLESTOWN	1943				0.85 "				
HENRY ROSS ESTATE, FOREST HILLS	1943–1945				7.69 acres				

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		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Penniman Road and Hano Street, Brighton.	1945		$15,272 03	$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
Green and Lamartine Streets, Jamaica Plain	1945		21,164 62	21,164 62	1.32 acres				
Rachel Revere Overlook, North Street, Boston	1945		10,008 90	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
Carleton Street, South End	1945		6,120 39	6,120 39	0.05 "				
Carson Street, Dorchester	1945		2,400 03	2,400 03	0.92 "				
Washington, East Dedham and Mystic Streets, South End	1945	$30,272 75	10,175 30	40,448 05	0.32 "				
Bruce Street, West Roxbury	1945				0.80 "				
William Gary Walsh Playground, Gallivan Boulevard, corner Washington Street, Dorchester	1946		135,542 43	135,542 43	7.03 acres				
[14] Oak Square Playground, Brighton	1947	25,760 00	6,002 95	31,762 95	1.48 "				
Sumner and Willis Streets, Dorchester, Undeveloped	1947				0.03 acre				
Myrtle Street Play Area	1949		2,101 50	2,101 50	0.17 "				
Union Street, Brighton	1949		4,163 86	4,163 86	1.54 acres				

CHISWICK AND SIDLAW ROADS, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, PARK SITE	1949	23,000 00		23,000 00	0.60 acre				
HARRISON AVENUE, 624–634, PLAY AREA, SOUTH END	1950		3,620 00	3,620 00	0.12 "				
POPLAR STREET PLAY AREA, WEST END	1950		9,081 33	9,081 33	0.137 "				
RUSSETT ROAD, BRUCE STREET, WELD STREET, VFW PARKWAY PLAYGROUND SITE	1950	11,000 00		11,000 00	6.76 acres				
[21]WALLINGFORD ROAD, CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, BRIGHTON	1951				10.00 "				
POPLAR AND HILLSIDE STREETS, ROSLINDALE	1951				0.44 acre				
[22]WALL STREET, WEST END	1951		6,875 34	6,875 34	0.08 "				
[22]HOLYOKE STREET, SOUTH END	1951				0.04 "				
[23]HAVERHILL AND PERKINS STREETS, CHARLESTOWN	1951				0.23 "				
[22]RUTHERFORD AVENUE AND UNION STREET, CHARLESTOWN	1951				0.21 "				
[22]HOOKER, SORRENTO AND GODDARD STREETS, BRIGHTON	1951		9,555 01	9,555 01	1.00 "				
TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET, HYDE PARK	1951	1,185 00		1,185 00	1.32 acres				
CUMSTON STREET PLAY AREA, SOUTH END	1952		732 79	732 79	0.011 acre				

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Douglass Court Play Area, North End	1952		$2,063 69	$2,063 69	0.011 acre				
Bradford and Wilkes Streets Play Areas	1952		7,386 41	7,386 41	0.10 "				
Cabot Street Extension, Land to Bath House	1952				0.13 "				
West Rutland Square Play Area	1953				0.013 "				
Baker-Gardner Sts. West Roxbury	1954	$350 00		350 00	7.2 acres				
Totals		$11,485,513 55	$24,525,371 63	$36,010,885 18	3,419.6 acres	46.07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres

* Named for soldier killed in World War.
† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
‡ An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.
‖ 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.
¶ Transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
[1] World War Memorial.
[2] Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.
[3] Transferred from and $454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
[4] 25,470 square feet transferred from and $2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
[5] Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.
[6] Acquired by gift.
[7] Transferred from Metropolitan Park.
[8] Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.
[9] Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.
[10] 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Airport transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
[11] 792 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.
[12] Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.
[13] Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.
[14] Purchased from Metropolitan Transit Authority.
[15] Property sold.
[16] To be transferred to Commonwealth for additions to Airport.
[17] Part of roadway transferred to City of Boston Public Works Department, 1951.
[18] Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
[19] Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
[20] Part of this area to Public Buildings Department for building.
[21] Transferred from Public Works Department, 1951.
[22] Transferred from Real Estate Division.
[23] Developed by Metropolitan District Commission, transferred to Park Department.
[24] Transferred to Public Works Department by City Council, April 11, 1955, other than portion between Arlington street and Beacon street at Kenmore square.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1955, to December 31, 1955.

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Established.
Bennington Street, East Boston	157,500	1838
Bunker Hill, Charlestown	48,202	1807
Phipps Street, Charlestown	76,740	1630
Copp's Hill, Hull street, City	89,015	1659
King's Chapel, Tremont street, City	19,344	1630
Granary, Tremont street, City	82,063	1660
Central, Common, City	60,693	1756
South End South, Washington street, City	64,670	1810
Hawes, Emerson street, South Boston	11,232	1816
Union, East Fifth street, South Boston	5,470	1841
North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
Eliot, Eustis street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
South, Dorchester avenue, Dorchester	95,462	1814
Westerly, Centre street, West Roxbury	39,450	1683
Walter Street, West Roxbury	35,100	1711
Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, Brighton	604,520	1848
Market Street, Brighton	18,072	1764
Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 125 acres and square feet	14,330	1851
Fairview, Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,		1892

CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in King's Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1955.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope	$81,650 45	$15,945 00	$19,937 70
Fairview	27,708 80	9,400 00	5,524 70
Evergreen	16,027 75	9,080 00	7,085 58
Dorchester North	30 00		404 48
Dorchester South	30 00		137 10
Bennington Street	8 00		
Copp's Hill	30 00		62 50
South End South	35 00		
Westerly			176 32
Central			62 50
Phipps Street			15 25
Bunker Hill			1 20
Granary			62 50
King's Chapel			62 50
Totals	$125,520 00	$34,425 00	$33,532 33

Total, General Fund, December 31, 1954	$4,104,556.34	
Interest, General Fund 1955	118,461.96	
Revenue (General Receipts) 1955	125,520.00	
Discounts on Securities Purchased	607.50	
		$4,349,145.80
Payments from Fund During 1955:		
Premiums and Accrued Interest	$3,182.70	
Refunds	665.00	
		3,847.70
Total, General Fund, December 31, 1955		$4,345,298.10
Total, Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1955		1,130,940.85
Total Cemetery Funds		$5,476,238.95

Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to December 31, 1955.

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope	1,201	152	318	8,853	2,093			308	23	2
Fairview	467	26	216	1,078	1,376	2		98		
Evergreen	192	22	72	1,100	2,784			86	2	
Dorchester North	2			2						
Dorchester South	1									
South End South	1									
Bennington Street								1		
Copp's Hill	1									
Phipps Street				1						
Bunker Hill				1						
Westerly				1						
Totals	1,865	200	606	11,036	6,253	2		493	25	2

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending December 31, 1955.

Office	$16,951 39
Mount Hope	163,578 23
Fairview	47,926.56
Evergreen	31,949 71
Dorchester North	3,183 00
Dorchester South	3,611 90
Bennington Street	3,789 10
Hawes and Emerson	97 30
Westerly	176 00
Central	471 50
Eliot	1,754 30
South End South	1,774 20
Copp's Hill	3,774 45
Granary	3,133 80
King's Chapel	4,013 20
Bunker Hill	1,882 96
Phipps Street	1,831 40
Market Street	96 80
Park	4,117 70
Total	$294,113 50

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